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BEN-AVI TO DISCUSS JEWS AND THE EUROPEAN WAR FROM PULPIT

**Noted Palestinian Speaks January 5th
Sponsored by Zionist Group**

Ittamar Ben-Avi, internationally famed lecturer, author and editor will be guest preacher at Friday evening services on January 5th at the Park Avenue Synagogue, his subject to be "Israel and the European War."

The son of the late Eliezer ben Yehuda, who has been called "the father of modern Hebrew" because of his great achievements in modernizing the Hebrew language, Mr. Ben-Avi was the first Jewish child in Palestine to be brought up with Hebrew as his mother-tongue. Following in the footsteps of his father, he has been a vital factor in more recent trends to modernize the use of Hebrew. One of his contributions to these efforts has been the widely debated proposal to substitute Latin characters for Hebrew script.

TEMPLE TO HOLD ANNUAL MEETING

**Social to Follow Election
of Officers and Trustees**

The annual membership meeting of the Synagogue is scheduled for Tuesday, January 9th, at 8 P.M. in the Vestry. Reports will be presented to the Congregation on the progress of its various functions and activities. In addition, an election of officers, trustees and Advisory Council members for the coming year will be held.

It is planned to expedite the routine business so that the major part of the evening can be devoted to a social and musical program which the Choral Group will present. It is urged that all members attend this very important meeting and participate in the election and social.

"900 YEARS OF RASHI"

The importance of Rashi as a man against a social background will provide the theme of Rabbi Steinberg's sermon on Friday evening, January 12th.

The life and works of Rashi, the 900th anniversary of whose birth will be observed in 1940, together with his experiences in the troubled times in which he lived, have given this famous Talmudic and Biblical commentator a unique place in Jewish history.

Mr. Ben-Avi is able to draw upon a fascinating career for his discussion. Since his escape from Turkish authorities, by whom he had been sentenced to death for pro-British activities during the World War, he has played a very active role in Jewish affairs.

Founder of Palestine Daily

As founder and editor of the first Hebrew daily to be published in Palestine, Mr. Ben-Avi has had occasion to come in personal contact with leading world figures, including, among others, Masaryk, Benes, Clemenceau, Ghandi, and Mussolini. His life-long residence in the East as well as his extensive personal associations makes him unusually competent to discuss the European war in relation to Palestine and world Jewry.

The guest speaker comes to the congregation through the Park Avenue Synagogue committee of the Yorkville Zionist District. The Oneg Shabat to follow services will be sponsored by the Zionist organization and Dr. Harry Wechsler, president of the District and member of our congregation, will preside.

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CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Thursday evening, January 4th—8:30 P.M. Young
Folks League Executive Meeting.
Emigre group.

Friday evening service, January 5th—8:30 P.M.
Ittamar Ben-Avi, guest lecturer.
Oneg Shabbat and Reception in Vestry.

Saturday morning service, January 6th—9:30 A.M.
Junior Congregation—10:30 A.M.

Sunday School sessions, January 7th—9:45 A.M.

Monday evening, January 8th
Adult Classes.
Choral Group.

Tuesday afternoon, January 9th—1 P.M.
Sisterhood Board meeting.

Tuesday evening, January 9th—8:30 P.M.
Annual Membership meeting.

Wednesday evening, January 10th—8:30 P.M.
Young Folks League business meeting.

Thursday evening, January 11th
Emigre group.

Friday afternoon, January 12th—5 P.M.
Junior Congregation Oneg Shabbat.

Friday evening service, January 12th—8:30 P.M.
Oneg Shabbat in Vestry.

Saturday morning service, January 13th—9:30 A.M.
Junior Congregation—10:30 A.M.

Sunday School sessions, January 14th—9:45 A.M.

Sunday evening, January 14th
Young Folks League Social.

Monday afternoon, January 15th—2 P.M.
Sisterhood Bridge and Mah Jong Party.

CONGREGATIONAL FAMILY

To Mr. and Mrs. Charles Weill, the felicitations of the congregation on their forty-sixth wedding anniversary.

Congratulations to Mrs. Henry Steiner on the engagement of her daughter Gertrude.

The sympathies of the congregation to Mrs. Leo Guggenheimer upon the passing of her aunt, Mrs. Emma Marcus.

SABBATH BOOKLET
BEING PREPARED

The third of the series of Home Observance pamphlets prepared by the School Board through its Parents Group is being completed and will be sent to readers of the Scroll with an early issue.

The enthusiastic reception accorded the Succoth and Chanukah pamphlets has encouraged the School Board to continue the series. Many parents have found the leaflets helpful in inaugurating and vitalizing home observance. Critical comment is invited and should be addressed to Rabbi Steinberg.

BOOK REVIEW

by Rabbi Milton Steinberg

"Sufferance Is The Badge," the new book by Dr. Abram Leon Sachar, is a survey of Jewish history since the World War. It represents a kind of "Inside Jewry" akin to Gunther's "Inside Europe." Vividly and dramatically written, it reads easily and presents a full picture of the life of Jewish communities throughout the world. The one criticism which may be levelled against it is that it is devoted almost entirely to the social, political and economic position of Jewish communities with too little reference to the internal life of the various Jewries which it describes. But in the areas to which it is devoted, it is authoritative, instructive and interesting. (Published by Knopf—\$3.50).

Ed. Note: This review initiates a policy of calling attention of Scroll readers to significant new volumes of a Jewish character.

ORIENTAL FAITHS ADULT SUBJECT

Dr. Tsunado To Discuss Shinto and Buddhism

Dr. Ryusaku Tsunado is to be the next guest lecturer at the meeting of the Adult Class in Comparative Religion on Monday evening, January 8th, at P.M., when Shinto and Japanese Buddhism is scheduled for discussion. Dr. Tsunado is an outstanding authority on these subjects and comes to the classes highly recommended by the lecturers who preceded him, Professors Spiegelberg and Friess and Dr. Meng. He is associated with the Japan Institute and is the Curator of the Japanese Collection at Columbia University.

With this lecture the circuit of the Oriental religions will be completed. Lectures have been delivered on Brahmanism, Buddhism, Confucianism and Taoism. These religions have been presented by specialists and then analyzed in the light of Judaism by Rabbi Steinberg.

Rabbi Rosenthal Scheduled

On Monday evening, January 22nd, a special lecture will be delivered by Rabbi Henry Rosenthal of the Young Men's Hebrew Association on the subject, "The Nature of Religion." The discussion of the essence of the religious life should prove a valuable complement to the background of diverse religions which the class already has acquired, and Rabbi Rosenthal, as the author of a widely acclaimed and original dissertation on this theme is especially well equipped to present the topic.

New Classes Forming

The new semester of the Adult Classes is to begin on Monday, February 4th. Details of the program will be announced soon and the congregation will be approached for registrations. The major lecture course will continue the theme of Comparative Religion with emphasis centering on the Western Religions — Islam and Christianity.

Rabbi Goldenson to Preach Soon

Rabbi Samuel Goldenson of Temple Emanu-El of New York City is to serve as guest preacher at the Friday evening services on January 19th. Rabbi Goldenson is one of the most distinguished figures in the American rabbinate and readers should find great interest in his message.

"SISTERHOOD FLASHES"

Honorary Board to Sponsor Party

A Bridge and Mah Jong party and the installation of new officers are two important functions scheduled for January of which all members of the Sisterhood are urged to take special note.

On Monday, January 15th, at 2 P.M., the Honorary Board will sponsor the Bridge and Mah Jong get-together as the first major event of the new year. Diligent preparations which the committee is now making will assure a very pleasant afternoon.

The installation of new officers and members of the Executive Board will take place on Tuesday, January 23rd, at 1 P.M. The beautiful and inspiring ceremony, as well as a desire to pay tribute to the outgoing and incoming officers, deserves the attendance of all members.

FURNITURE WANTED FOR EMIGRE FAMILY

A family of five refugees now living in one furnished room wishes to move to unfurnished quarters for reasons of economy, but needs furniture. Serviceable house furnishings would be useful and much appreciated.

Readers of The Scroll who have furniture of which they wish to dispose are urged to communicate with Rabbi Zimet at the Synagogue.

SUNDAY SCHOOLS PLANS AHEAD

Model Service and Arbor Day Festival For January

A Model Service will be conducted by the officers and functionaries of the Junior Congregation on January 14th in preparation for which the music assemblies and the classes in Jewish Customs and Ceremonies have been devoting the past month.

Palestinian Arbor Day Celebrated

The second celebration which will take place on January 28th will be dedicated to the holiday Tu B'Shvat (Chamish Osar B'Shvat), the Palestinian Arbor Day Festival. A program of Palestinian songs and dances and movies depicting the recent developments in Palestine will feature the occasion.

Awards will be made on the same date for excellence in Jewish National Fund Collections to Lawrence and Carol Phillips, Jonathan Oseas, Richard Stern, Alan Hirsch, Herbert Kallman, Stanley Gans, Joan Arnstein, Dora Joan Millheiser, Sally Liberman, Patricia Wolf, Robert Greenstein, Esta Ray Fritz and Justin Greenberg.

Students With Perfect Attendance

Below are noted those Sunday School pupils who have maintained a record of perfect attendance during the first three months of this year:

Mildred Amdur	Joyce Katz
Joan Ida Arnstein	Robert Kieval
Robert Bloch	Peter Koch
Harvey Brandwein	Robert Kuhn
Roger Brandwein	Ruth Luebeck
Dorothy Davis	Dorothy Mendel
Minette Davis	Dora Joan Millheiser
Yvette Davis	Daniel Panger
Zelda Gale	Henny Priester
Stanley Gans	Barry Riesner
Harold Gellert	Neal Riesner
Harry Herts	Robert Ritter
Alan Hirsch	Harry Schwartz
Jacob E. Holzman II	Joan Sheer
Caroline Kahn	Rita Smolian
Stephanie Karmiol	Helene Stern
Jewel Weiss	

JUNIOR CONGREGANTS HOLD ONEG SHABAT

The next Oneg Shabat of the Junior Congregation will take place on Friday afternoon, January 12th, at 5 o'clock. Rabbi Zimet will continue his talks on the life and stories of Sholom Aleichem.

These meetings which take place on alternate Friday afternoons are open to newcomers who will find interest in the discussions and enjoy the lovely Sabbath ceremonies.

WITH THE COTERIES

The holiday dance of the Coteries held on December 28th added another successful social event to the calendar of these youth clubs. Both groups are now in the midst of a well-planned season and as part of their program are holding discussion and debating meetings as well as informal social gatherings. A novelty planned by the Junior Coterie is an ice-skating party at Gay Blades some time in January.

YOUNG FOLKS LEAGUE PLANS BENEFIT CONCERT

The Young Folks League is sponsoring a formal concert and dance on Saturday, February 3rd, in the auditorium of the Synagogue. The proceeds of the concert will be devoted exclusively to the Synagogue.

The elaborate program consists of the following world-famous artists: Reinwald Werrenrath, baritone; Frederick Jagel, tenor of the Metropolitan Opera; Roberta Schulman, pianist; Harry Braun, violinist; Lucie Bigelow Rosen, theremin artist; Halke Recci, soprano of the Warsaw Opera Company; Rose Book, coloratura soprano of the Berlin Opera Company; Igo Geitmann, tenor of the Berlin Opera Company; Goeta Lyndberg of the Metropolitan Opera; Max Pantellaieff, bass baritone of the Moscow Opera Company. Dr. Otto Siegfert will be the accompanist. Tickets may be obtained by writing to the Synagogue in care of the Young Folks League. Prices range from \$1 to \$5.

On January 10th the League will resume its activities and program with a business meeting.